



Docket No. STK-075

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Not yet assigned  
Group : 1646  
Applicants : Hermann Oppermann, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/375,333  
Filed : August 16, 1999  
For : MODIFIED TGF- $\beta$  SUPERFAMILY PROTEINS

New York, New York  
February 28, 2000

Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated September 28, 1999. With the extension, a response is due on or before February 28, 2000. A check in the amount of \$870.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of

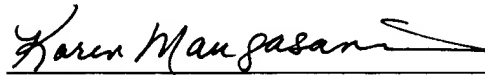
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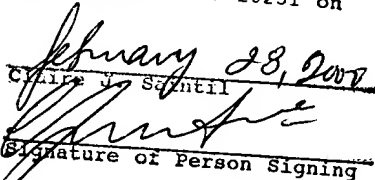
same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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